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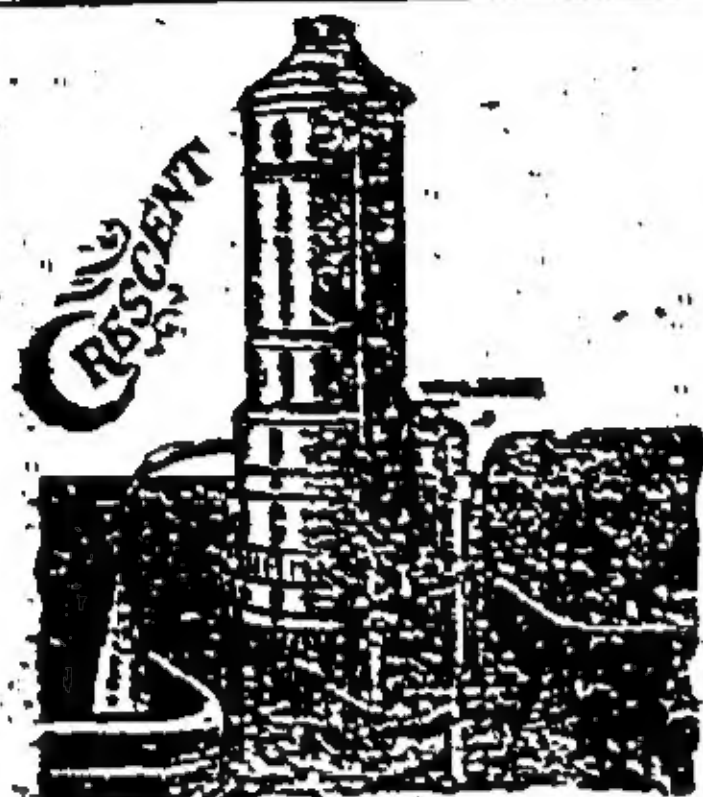
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REPORTS OF ORDERS PLACED WITH  
BRITISH NAVAL YARDS DENIED.The report that Japan has ordered  
a number of warships from Vickers  
is denied by Admiral Okada, Chief  
of Naval Construction at the Sasebo  
Naval Station."The rumour that Japan has ordered  
warships from England," he said,  
"is perhaps due to doubt regarding  
the shipbuilding capacity of this  
country in regard to the eight-battle-  
ship and eight-battle-cruiser pro-  
gramme. People seemed to think that  
Japan would not be able to build all  
the warships required, and they thus  
assume that orders have been placed  
with England."

## COST NOT LOW IN ENGLAND.

"It is not impossible that we may  
order special ships in order to imitate  
ourselves into some special technique  
in naval construction, but we need  
no outside help to build the ships  
under the eight-and-eight programme.  
The situation would be different if the  
cost of construction were very low in  
England, but this is not the case.  
Japanese industries are now suffering  
seriously from the financial de-  
pression and, if only for the purpose  
of relieving industrial difficulties,  
orders will not be sent to foreign  
countries."A second-class cruiser and a first-  
class destroyer were launched at the  
Nagasaki Shipyard on December 12.  
The cruiser was christened the  
"Kasagi". She has a displacement of  
5,000 tons and a speed of 33 knots.  
Her battery consists of seven prin-  
cipal and two auxiliary guns. The  
destroyer, named the "Akikaze",  
displaces 1,345 tons and has a speed  
of 34 knots. She has four 12-mm.  
guns and six torpedo tubes.

## TO CARRY MOST POWERFUL

## BATTERIES.

Reports from Kure state that work  
has been commenced on the con-  
struction of the battleship "Akagi".  
A ceremony celebrating the beginning  
of work was held on December 7.According to the Japanese papers,  
work was to be started on the battle-  
ship "Amagi", a sister ship of the  
"Akagi", on a Thursday at the yard  
belonging to the Yokosuka naval ar-  
senal. The battleships "Akagi" and  
"Amagi" will each displace 40,000  
tons and will carry the most powerful  
batteries of any Japanese warships.The building of the seaplane tender  
"Hosho" was to be commenced at  
the Asano Shipbuilding yard in  
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placement of 21,000 tons will be  
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pleted within this year. Japan  
Advertiser.

## JAPAN AND GERMANY.

## ECONOMIC RAPPROCHEMENT.

A MORAL FOR BRITISH MANU-  
FACTURERS.A correspondent writes to the  
Empire Mail—While our attention is fixed on dis-  
covering how far Germany intends to  
flood British markets with cheap  
goods, and while we waste our breath  
blaming Japanese shippers for their  
unreliability in the matter of quality,  
we are in danger of neglecting the  
more important economic rapproche-  
ment that Japan is endeavouring to  
engineer with the defeated nations of  
Central Europe. Her far-sighted  
thinkers argue that Germany, Austria  
and Hungary are wasting their energy  
and time by trying to compete with  
America, France and the British Em-  
pire for a place in the economic sun.  
They are whispering in the ear of Ger-  
man politicians and German indus-  
trialists that Germany is still a great  
country in inventiveness and capacity  
for industry, but that she has not a  
dog's chance in the struggle for trade  
against the victorious but hard-up  
nations of the West. Her future lies  
in the Far East. For her enterprises  
there is Chinese and Japanese capital  
waiting. For her industries there is  
abundant raw material, and plenty of  
tonnage to transport it. For her  
manufactured goods there is an un-  
limited market. As a field for her  
political influence there are the thou-  
sands of young Orientals who only  
need an invitation to her universities  
and schools to flock to Germany to  
imbibe her technical teaching and her  
moral culture.

## "TURN TO THE FAR EAST."

"What is the use of looking to  
Europe and America?" cry these  
sirens. "They don't trust you.  
They dislike and despise you. Turn  
to the Far East. We can give you  
all that the West denies you." So  
far Germany seems to hesitate about  
accepting these Japanese advances.  
Since the failure of the Japanese  
students, educated in German Univer-  
sities, to prevent their country from  
going to war with Germany, the  
universities and higher schools have  
been closed to Japanese students.  
Needless to say Japanese persua-  
siveness is being brought to bear on the  
situation, and is sure to succeed.In Hungary things have moved  
faster. In Budapest there is a Hun-  
garian Society called the "Nihon  
Senden Kyokwai," which gives lec-  
tures on Japanese history, literature,  
art, and seeks to draw the two  
nations closer together. A movement  
has followed to install a Japanese Con-  
sul in the capital with a view to pro-  
moting mutual trade. Strong pro-  
Japanese feeling exists in Budapest,  
and Japanese travellers go away pre-  
judiced against the "Little Entente,"  
and determined to cement this newcent friendship and exploit it in the  
interests of big business.

## A CHILL WIND FOR BRITISH TRADE.

There are but feathers floating in  
the wind, but the important point is  
to note their direction. If we reflect  
(a) on the approaching determination  
of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, and  
(b) on the falling productivity of  
Great Britain following on the short-  
sighted policy of organised British  
labour, the wind would appear to be  
blowing from a distinctly chilly quar-  
ter for British trade expansion and  
prosperity in the future. For years  
the China and Japan markets have  
been ours for the taking. Industrial  
Central Europe, with its vast popu-  
lation of diligent workers, is able to-  
day to meet the variable needs of those  
markets much more swiftly, much  
more cheaply, than we can. It is  
only natural that the Far East should  
be anxious to offer Germany further  
bait, and a quid pro quo. If we do  
not look out we shall see an indus-  
trial and political alliance between  
Japan and Germany, with the rest of  
Central Europe, and probably China,  
drawn into its sphere of influence.  
The War Lord's short cut to world  
domination failed. Industrial Ger-  
many, aided by the limitless resources  
of the Far East, could hardly fail a  
second time if she made up her mind  
to beat us in industry and overseas  
trade, for it is population and wealth  
that count in the long run, and the  
teeming populations of the East, com-  
bined with the German genius for  
palmstreaking and unrelenting toil, would  
make short work of the competition  
of other countries that expect to make  
out of their labour more than the  
economic value of the goods it pro-  
duces. The moral is, let British  
manufacturer and British worker keep  
an eye on Japan and Germany, and  
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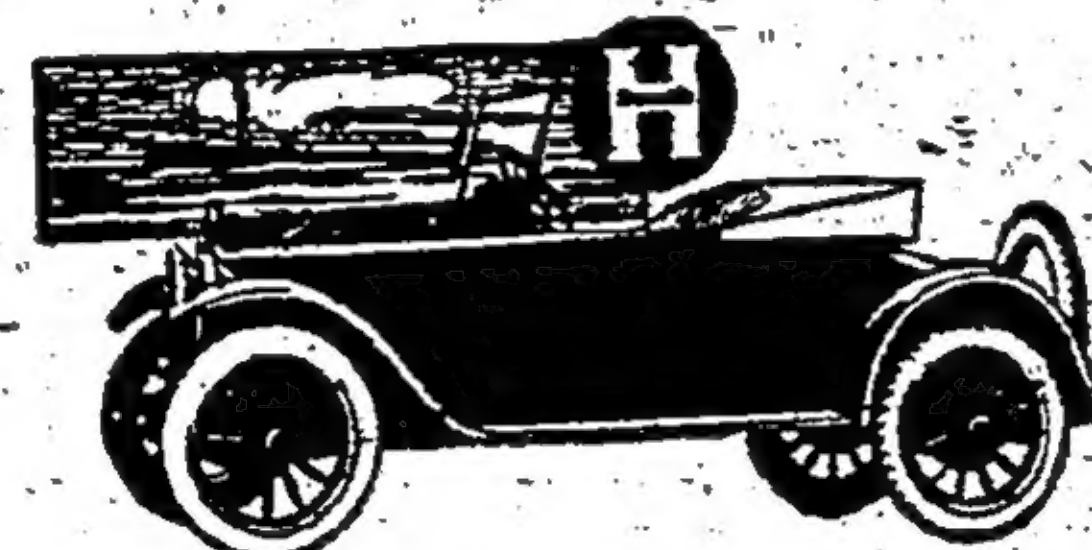
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### EMBALMING FLUID.

OLD EGYPTIAN SECRET.

FORMULA USED BY ANCIENTS.

Egyptologists are interested in the discovery claimed by a scientist of the fluid used by the Egyptians to mummify their dead. The mummies of these people have been preserved down through the ages in almost perfect condition, and there has always been a keen desire to learn the formula employed by the ancients. There have been various theories advanced as to the means of mummification but it has never been proved that the exact preparation of the "people of Pharaoh" has been ascertained.

"We know," says Prof. K. Newell Wardle, commenting on the discovery "that even among the Egyptians there was a decided difference in the degree of success attained. The quality of the mummification seems to depend on the period. For example, we have a mummy said to be that of an Egyptian princess of high rank, which consists of nothing more than a handful or so of dust and the inclosing case. The skeleton of the princess has not been able to defy the centuries, even despite the art of those who did the embalming."

Mr. Francis S. Bennett, the discoverer, says that the active principle of his fluid is the oil of allium, extracted by a special process from any of the plants of the onion family. "It is not poisonous, but on the contrary is believed to have some medicinal properties."

We are told: "That a part of the human brain was dipped into the fluid, and in a short time became shrunken and as hard as wood, and that when dipped back into clear water it resumed its normal size and appearance."

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"That beetles, discoloured and disintegrating, were dipped in the fluid, and that the disintegration halted and the original colours were restored."

"That frogs and fish have been successfully preserved for more than a year without the slightest sign of decay."

"That a human body, twelve days after death had been taken under unfavourable conditions, dipped into the fluid, and is now thoroughly preserved, and shows no tendency towards decomposition."

It is expected that the discovery will be of commercial value as well as scientific, and another use to which the fluid has already been put has been that of preserving valuable manuscripts, as well as restoring them. Recently, valuable books in the collection of Mr. J. P. Morgan were treated, and for the first time in centuries were wholly legible.

### LAST SLAVE MARKET.

#### PINCHING TEST.

THE HOLY CITY OF WAZZAN.

The open slave market in the City of Wazzan, Morocco, which was recently occupied by the French, is reported to be the last of its kind in the world, according to a French officer who arrived in London from Fez.

The slaves are brought to Wazzan by caravan from parts of the country still unexplored. The market is held annually during the pilgrim season, when pilgrims from all parts of Morocco go to the city for the Sher-el-blessing. At this time Negro and Negress slaves are gripped together by their different owners on an open piece of ground.

The buyers then crowd round and ask questions about the age, health, and in the case of a woman slave, if she is married. The owner always says that his women slaves are still unmarried, as single women usually fetch higher prices than married ones. Of course, there is always haggling over the price, especially if there is some physical defect, which is invariably the case. The teeth are inspected, arms are pinched, and a male slave is often asked to lift heavy loads.

Contrary to the general belief, the lot of a slave in Morocco is a comparatively happy one. All they have to do is to escort visitors through the gardens which form part of the rich Moor's estate. Another duty is to keep watch from a minaret for intruders, strangers who go into that part of the garden reserved for the women of the household. Indolence there are often as many as 15 slaves all occupied, say, in preparing tea for their master's guests. In Fez and Marrakech women slaves are taught to dance, and their entertainment reminds an onlooker of the Arabian Nights.

At present travellers' caravans are fighting shy of Wazzan, and no slaves have entered the city since the French authorities prohibited their sale. By this means it is hoped to do away with the slave traffic throughout the European zone.

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## DEATHS.

LOUREIRO.—On the 1st January, 1921, at No. 2, Victoria View, Kowloon, Maria Emilia, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo José da Silva Loureiro. (Cao, Lisbon, Macao, Manila, Mozambique, Swatow, and Timor papers please copy.)

FRESSON.—On December 25, 1920, at Shanghai, Dorothy O. Fresson, beloved wife of E. Edmond Fresson, of Wickford, Essex, England.

MOGENSEN.—On December 26, 1920, at Shanghai, W. V. Mogensen.

## The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 4, 1921.

## SHIPPING BOARD SCANDAL.

By far the bitterest critics of Americans are American journalists, when there is something to expose or censure. We have seen nothing stronger or more outspoken for a long time than the American newspaper comments on what they call the Shipping Board Scandal. The Literary Digest says the Fisher-Richardson report to a Congressional investigating committee is a history of alleged mismanagement, waste, graft, bribery, padded payrolls, and systematic looting of public treasury by minor officials and employees of the Board, involving a loss of millions of dollars to the taxpayers. "The Prussian Journal" says "Prussian officials did far less damage than did corrupt agents of the Emergency Fleet Corporation." Similar strongly worded comments are so numerous that it is unnecessary to quote more.

We recall the pride with which we read of the wonderful spirit with which our American friends set to work to replace the bottoms destroyed by German submarines. No war effort at the time was more welcome. It promised to make the piratical scheme of Germany ineffectual. Of wooden ships they built 397 in marvellously quick time, and most of them are now "white elephants," costing \$100 a month apiece for caretaking. According to a New York paper, one unfinished hull was recently sold for a dollar. The Providence Journal claims that the waste is still going on in the routine operations of the Shipping Board. As evidence of the mess, the Number Two in charge told the Committee that about four thousand persons, at salaries aggregating eight millions a year, are now busy trying to straighten out the accounts of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The Shipping Board is annually paying nineteen millions to about ten thousand men. About 1,200 ships are being operated, and under the present system of accounting, they cannot tell whether they pay or not. Some waste and loss, and perhaps dishonesty, was inevitable in such a gigantic undertaking that had to be rushed through; but it seems that excessive leakage is alleged. President-elect Harding has promised to make the best use of this great marine, and to "unfurl the flag again on all the seas of the world," but that is for tomorrow. The report deals with yesterday, and according to the Philadelphia Public Ledger shows "a general scramble for the property of the country, and mighty few guardians on hand to protect it." Details of alleged frauds by builders are given. As regards padding the payrolls, one must wade through the salary list which was a loose detective for the

Hotel St. Regis. The amounts and methods of plain graft would appear exaggerated in a muck-raking novel. Divisions were made with the companies that coaled the ships. Food was thrown overboard so that stewards could get commission on new supplies. (This was regularly done on N.D.L. ships before the war.) One witness testified to a bill for \$633,000 being paid twice over, "by mistake." For an \$3 cent job like putting a hinge on a galley door \$160 was paid. Certain firms made 750 per cent. profits at the Board's expense. The fraud cases now under investigation run into tens of thousands of cases. Prosecutions are promised.

Meanwhile, with the characteristic courage that we saw follow the San Francisco fire, our American friends are buckling to make the best of a bad job. Having got about 45 per cent. of American exports and imports carried in American bottoms, as compared with ten per cent. in 1914, they are not going to let that go, but mean to clean up and carry on. That is the spirit which shows how closely related we are.

## MAYORAL INSTALLATION.

At Home November is the season for installing mayors. At Hongkong they do it on New Year Day. You didn't know they did it locally anywhere. That is because it has never been done before. But now it has actually happened. One of Hongkong's suburbs, somewhat to the south, perturbation of the Government, has taken the bit between its teeth and incorporated itself. Constitutional reform has begun. This suburb has had for four days now a mayor and corporation, though we have heard no mention of aidment.

On New Year Day an imposing procession took place, and invested in the chain and emblems of office the man they had (with one dissentient) chosen for mayor. (The dissentient wanted to be mayor himself.) This Worship swore to cherish and maintain the local laws, especially the emphyrean law established by usage during the years he was known as the Laird. And so, they say, everything went off very pleasantly and successfully as planned.

It is a civic beginning of profound significance, a harbinger, shall we hope, of a wider broader movement and progress still to come.

We hope that to suppress this local pastiche of Sinn Fein our Government will not resort to the frightful methods of the Home Government in Ireland.

## MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

By order of the Military Governor, reports Reuter, seven houses with their contents, in County Cork, Ireland, were destroyed by fire on New Year Day. "The better the day the better the deed," says a rather ambiguous adage. There was a reason for it. "Because the inhabitants were bound to have known of the recent ambush and attack on the military parties and neglected to inform the police and military authorities." Very German. Are we shocked by this deed? If not, it is certain we are becoming tainted with the German spirit.

We cannot be certain that those people did know of the ambush. We have only the military assertion that they must have known. But let us assume that they did. With the country in the state it is, their fate as informers would assuredly have been worse. They were between the Devil and the deep sea. It was trying pan or fire for them, and they got the fire sure enough. Hard lines.

But now another point of view. Assume them guilty of being accessory to the first crime. Is this military way of treating them the best way, the most effective way, or a rational way? Why not, supposing the loss of their homes and furniture was a fair fine to impose, have assessed their value in money, and then, failing payment, have destroyed? Where is the sense of destroying good houses and good furniture, to benefit nobody? There is something in the military mind that is purely mischievous. It actually delights in destruction.

That particular Military Governor, in our opinion, ought to be condemned to hard labour for a period long enough for him to produce goods to the value of the property he destroyed.

These disgusting burnings by way of reprisals were bad enough when done by soldiers in hot anger, but when deliberately ordered by a high official they look shameful. And we are ashamed for them if they are not.

Captain H. W. W. Hope, C.B., who served some years ago on the China Station and recently gave up the command of the light cruiser "Dartmouth" on the South America Station, has taken up the duties of naval member of the Ordnance Board. He is a well-known gunnery specialist.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

## STRAITS RUBBER CRISIS.

## EUROPEAN PLANTERS.

MANY FACED WITH UNEMPLOYMENT.

SINGAPORE, January 3.  
As it is expected that many planters will be unemployed through the present rubber crisis, the Singapore Municipality has decided to offer temporary employment to Europeans during the crisis.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The richa coolies of Kuala Lumpur, resenting motor-bus competition, have been creating disturbances.

The general committee of the recently formed St. Andrew's Church Men's Association meets to-night in the Church Hall at 9 o'clock.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 18, 1920, amounted to 84,965 tons and the sales during the period, to 75,177 tons.

The Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has decided to issue a commercial bulletin. This bulletin, the first attempt of its kind, will be received with interest by all Chinese business men.

For the first time in Canton since the republican regime and the adoption of the western calendar nine years ago, New Year Day was observed by leaders of all walks of life in Canton on Saturday.

Quite a large number of Penang Chinese of all classes have already joined the Penang Branch of the Straits Chinese British Association. The Association and its branches have been exempted from registration throughout the Straits Settlements.

The following approaching weddings are announced—Pay L. Cam, R. F. Durman, H.M.S. "Colombo," to Miss Thelma Maud Bicknell, en route from England by the "Machima Maru," Mr. S. Marcal, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., to Miss M. A. da Rosa.

The Singapore Taxi Cab Company have opened a taximeter service with Ford touring cars. The tariff authorised by the Municipality is at the rate of 40 cents a mile with an additional 10 cents for every quarter mile. On or before January 1 the company hoped to have had 15 taxis on the road.

On the examination of passports by Superintendent Hawkins it was discovered that the Mr. Smith on board the "Kaga Maru," which arrived at Singapore from Europe, bound with Mr. Smith senior, who is in charge of stud horses for the Japanese Government, was a "Miss" in man's clothing. Miss Smith was allowed to proceed with her father to her destination, as satisfactory explanations were forthcoming—*Straits Times*.

Mrs. Porter Prescott Lowery, wife of Lieutenant P. E. Lowery, who has been visiting Peking, died in the French Hospital on December 21, as a result of a bad attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Lowery only arrived from Corregidor a little time ago for the purpose of benefiting her health by a change of climate. The body is to be encased and sent back to her home in the United States of America.

The first recorded instance of police court summonses being served in mid-air occurred over Stafford recently in the course of an aeroplane flight. Two summonses had been issued against Captain Jones in connection with the dropping of a wreath during the unveiling of a cenotaph at Hanley on Armistice Day. Inspector Adlem went with the summonses to the local aerodrome, from which Captain Jones—has been making flights, and ascended with him and his mechanic in the aeroplane. During the flight, Inspector Adlem served the summonses on Captain Jones, who afterwards "looped" the loop.

One may admire a woman's limpid eyes or shapely hands. One may rave over her flowing crown of glory, or the dainty smallness of her feet! But should one, dare, say Maude Odel in the *Daily Sketch*, to commend the shapeliness of her legs, or the beautiful contour of her back, or the plump hands are raised in horror. Clothes were not the outcome of shame, but of climate, and I can see nothing more suggestive in a bare leg or a bare back than in a leg which is covered with a thin film of silk known as stockings. I grant you that there are some bodies which ought to be shrouded. There are some which are an offence to the eyes. It is not, however, because they are suggestive that I would have them covered, but simply because they are not beautiful.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## HONGKONG CHINESE.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—May I ask your kindness to permit me some space in your valuable paper to make a few remarks on Mr. M. K. Lo's letter which I find, appeared in the local English Press making certain criticisms on the speech delivered by the Honourable Mr. Hallifax at the dinner given in his honour and in honour of the Honourable Mr. Fletcher by the representative members of the Chinese Community.

In reading through his letter the first thing that struck me was why Mr. Lo should write to the English papers, criticisms on a subject which entirely concerns the Chinese themselves. If he thinks that any English speaking Chinese has suffered a grievance from Mr. Hallifax in his endeavour to get into closer touch with the Chinese-speaking merchants then the proper place to discuss the matter would be in the Native Press where the whole Chinese Community would be able to appreciate his views and pass their judgment on them. As it is, his letter will only be read by the European Community, who know very little of what is actually going on among the Chinese and of what the Chinese feelings really are, and by a portion of the English-speaking Chinese some of whom, most likely, have been disappointed by Mr. Hallifax.

His criticisms appear to me to be unfair and would give a wrong impression among the European Community. As one of the English-speaking Chinese, I suppose, am just as much affected as others by Mr. Hallifax's "General attitude" and the whole tone of his speech, but yet I cannot allow such criticisms to pass without making some comment on them.

Mr. Lo says that the criticisms and suggestions against Mr. Hallifax were directed, not against the sentiments mentioned in his letter but solely against his "General attitude" against the English-speaking Chinese; and he complains "that Mr. Hallifax invariably regards a knowledge of English in a Chinese not as an asset, but as a disability; not as an accomplishment in aid of the discharge of his civic duties, but as a malignant thing to be discarded." His complaints, however, are not borne out by facts. Mr. Hallifax treated all the Chinese both English-speaking and Non-English-speaking alike. He never by action or in speech showed any sign of disregard or discourtesy to the English-speaking Chinese. In his speech Mr. Hallifax distinctly said (about the English-speaking Chinese) that "the Government must continue to depend on him and ask for his services." He further said that "the Government was asking for more work from him, work of a peculiarly unselfish and patriotic nature; they wanted him to assist in bringing out the Chinese-speaking merchants." This is, perhaps, the real ground of difference between the self-seeking English-speaking Chinese and Mr. Hallifax and the outcome of all the insinuations of unfairness made against him.

Mr. Lo, next criticises the following passage from Mr. Hallifax's speech that "those who had learned to speak English well, must, of necessity, in a place like Hongkong, have their views tinged with English ideas and it was just this English tinge-speaking for his office—that they wanted to get rid of." Did not Mr. Hallifax distinctly say that he was speaking for his own department? Was not his department established solely for the purpose of getting the pukka Chinese views? If not, then, his position as S. C. A. is a sinecure.

Again Mr. Lo thinks that these words cast a slur upon the late Sir Kai Ho Kai and Sir Boshan Wei Yuk for their services rendered to the Colony, and on all those English-speaking Chinese who are performing public services. But they do not. Sir Boshan Wei Yuk can speak for himself, but for Sir Kai Ho Kai I can speak for him; for, I have been intimately associated with him in all his public movements since 1897 and I know thoroughly the innermost feelings of this public man. It was Sir Kai Ho Kai's sole aim in life to advance the interest of the Chinese and to induce them, both English-speaking and Chinese-speaking alike, to come forward and help the Government and take an interest in public affairs. His efforts in this direction have been a great success. On his return to the Colony in 1891 or 1892 there was no social intercourse between the Chinese and the officials; but, during the time of Sir Kai Ho Kai's public career, many Chinese, both English-speaking and Non-English-speaking, have been invited to, or otherwise been invited to, the Government House. Thus a gap was made in the barrier between officials and the people by the efforts of such men as Sir Kai Ho Kai and Sir Boshan Wei Yuk; and what Mr. Hallifax intends to do now is nothing more than trying to make the associations closer. Again Sir Kai Ho Kai never, for one moment considered that his English education was under valued because it was employed to assist in bringing

out the Chinese-speaking merchants. Do the English-speaking Chinese now feel hurt and consider their English education misused because they were asked to help to make association of officials and the Chinese public closer? I for one will certainly say no. It is this very unselfishness which the English-speaking Chinese are expected to make in order to benefit their own countrymen, that have enhanced the value of English education so much; otherwise such an Education would be valueless, because it will only produce a set of accomplished egotistic and selfish men who will not do any good to China or to any place where they go.

Mr. Lo also referred to the English education propaganda in China and the local University. Is it the sole aim and purpose of Educational Institutions to provide a costly and high standard education for a small number of Chinese so that they may acquire it for their own personal aggrandisement; or to make them dazzling lights among their own countrymen, so dazzling that none dare to look upon them but with awe? If so, then, Educational Institutions are indeed a failure and all moneys spent on them a pure waste. But I am glad to say it is not so. Every one who has received the benefit of such an education is in honour bound to do everything in his power to help and, with his acquired knowledge, enlighten his own Non-English-speaking countrymen and use his best endeavours to induce them to come forward and take an interest in public affairs which would greatly benefit themselves and which is greatly desired by the officials of Hongkong. In this way and through him the English-speaking Chinese may be reached and the idea of a closer relationship between European and Chinese may then be realized. This is exactly what Mr. Hallifax hopes to do with regard to local Chinese. His views are not contradictory to, but are in line with, the aspirations of such Educational Institutions.

As to the last paragraph of his letter I think Mr. Lo must admit that there are many gentlemen among the Chinese speaking merchants in this Colony just as good and capable men as those who speak English. Is it not sound then that Mr. Hallifax should secure their services and obtain their views and opinions on matters public to it is the duty, I understand, of all officials, especially the S.C.A., to get in opinions and views from all quarters in order to facilitate the work of the Government. I see nothing, therefore, in Mr. Hallifax's speech which the Chinese can take exception to; and he is to be congratulated for so courageously and openly pronouncing his views and convictions which may not please everybody.

With regard to the postscript to Mr. Lo's letter I would ask what honour would the dinner give if the leading Chinese-speaking merchants be absent from it.

Apologizing for taking so much space in your valuable paper by this lengthy letter and thanking you in anticipation for its insertion.

I remain,  
Your truly,  
S. W. Tso.

December 31, 1920.

## CHEAP ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir,—I note a good deal written on the above subject as regards Hongkong and Kowloon, but both have a very long way to go in the matter of reductions per unit, before either can compare to Swansea in 1915.

This is a copy of the tariff for that year—

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This Swansea plant was not run by city directors, but by the city fathers, and there was a surplus on each year's working from 1905 to 1915, after paying all capital and other charges.

Can the Government not compel the local companies to still further reduce the rates to the public, or have the city directors been too smart, as usual for our Government officials, and taken advantage of those officials, inexperienced in business matters, when drawing up the agreements, and, probably, public utility companies from making from 40 to 70% profit, annually, even after the assets may have been well watered?—Yours truly,

INTERESTED.  
Hongkong, Jan. 1, 1921.

## CLAIM ALLOWED.

## Breach of Contract.

## ALLIANCE.

## JUDGMENT BY CONSENT.

Judgment by consent for claims and costs was given this morning by the Judge Mr. Justice Wood, to the defendant in the case of The China Overseas Trading Company, (1919) Ltd., against Yau Fat & Co. of 36 Bonham Strand, East.

The suit, which was heard in part on Friday, was for \$874.40 damages by reason of an alleged breach of contract by the defendants for failure to take delivery of 20 tons of phosphate of lime, bought under a contract dated July 20. The defence claimed that the plaintiffs were not the owners of the goods, but that they belonged to an employee of the firm, who had given authority to the firm to sell. Mr. Blake represented the plaintiffs; Mr. Mason the defendants.

## OBITUARY.

## MR. JAMES MACDONALD.

THE GOVERNMENT MARINE SURVEYOR.

The sad news was received in Hongkong yesterday by cable of the death in Melbourne of Mr. James Macdonald, Government Marine Surveyor, who left here with his wife some six months ago in a healthy trip to Australia where he hoped to recover from the effect of an attack of haemorrhage.

Mr. Macdonald, who came to Hongkong from Scotland in 1892 as Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, became Chief Government Marine Surveyor in 1902 and was due for pension shortly. He was a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, and one of the oldest members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

Deep sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Macdonald and the family, of which there are two daughters here, Mrs. Joeland, and Mrs. Macdonald, and a son, Mr. James Macdonald, in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's in Shanghai.

## OPIUM FOR HONGKONG.

## THIS NEPARIUS TRADE.

## A SHANGHAI PROTEST.

Gordon Harding writes from Hang-cheng, Hsiao, to the Editor of the *Shanghai Mercury* to ask—  
Sir,—What are we Britishers going to do in face of this "Rentier"? Are we going to allow Hongkong to be again the wholesale depot for opium for the whole of China?

Are we going to allow our promises to be broken like pinstrip? Are we for the sake of paltry gain again to start this nefarious trade? I for one will protest anyway and pass on a word from The Old Book—  
"Whosoever a man (or a Nation) soweth that shall he reap."

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Chefoo," Capt. Wilks, 684 tons, arrived this morning at 7.45 a.m. from Tournay with 400 tons of general cargo.  
The s.s. "Hainan," Captain Stewart, 1,267 tons, arrived this morning at 8 a.m. from Swatow with 900 tons of general cargo.

## DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Hongkwa," Captain Bainbridge, sailed for Singapore via Amoy at 7 a.m. to-day with 100 tons of general cargo.  
The s.s. "Lach Samud," Captain Virachara, sailed for Bangkok via Swatow at 9 a.m. to-day with 408 tons of general cargo.  
The s.s. "Shisen Maru," Captain Machihara, sailed for Saigon at 4 p.m. to-day with 450 tons of general cargo.

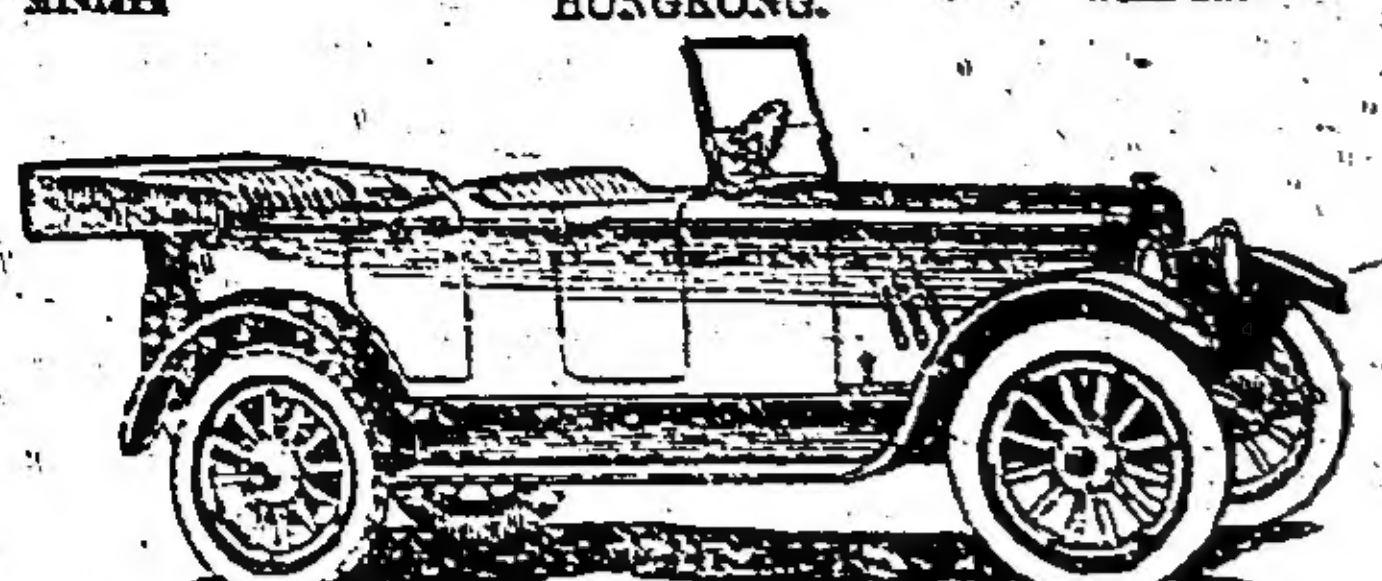
## CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Meteor," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at 7 a.m. to-morrow.  
The s.s. "Telemachus," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Saigon at 9 a.m. to-morrow.  
The s.s. "Loksang," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Halphong via Hoibow at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Railway matters are strange in Japan: sometimes but in China stranger things happen. Recently after the early train from Peking had left Tientsin, Central, two Chinese soldiers who were passengers suddenly discovered that it would have been more convenient to have alighted at that station than proceed to Tientsin East. Accordingly, they went up to the front of the train, clambered on to the engine, and compelled the driver to stop. They then ordered him to take the train back to Tientsin Central. Only when it was explained that there would be ample time for them to catch the Peking train at Tientsin East did these truculent soldiers permit the train to continue its journey.



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LATE MR. J. VANSTONE.

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The funeral of the late Mr. James Vanstone, one of Hongkong's oldest residents, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of friends. The deceased having been a member of the Masonic Lodge at the funeral, including Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough, D.G.M., Wor. Bro. the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, D.D.G.M., Wor. Bro. A. W. E. Davidson, Master of St. John's Lodge, Wor. Bro. S. Aslett, and Bro. A. Edwards, S.W.; Bro. Smith, J.W. The Rev. H. Copley Moyle and the Rev. T. W. Featherstone conducted the service at the grave-side.

The pall-bearers were—Wor. Brothers Budden, Brown, C. Grimes, and Wellington, and representatives of the Army and Navy.

The wreath sent by the St. John's Lodge was lowered into the grave with the coffin. Mr. Vanstone was one of the founder members of St. John's Lodge.

Amongst those who sent wreaths to the funeral besides the widow and members of the family were—The District Grand Master and Officers of the Hongkong and South China, S.C., the W.M., Officers and Brethren, Zealand Lodge No. 525 E.C., the W.M., Officers and Brethren, Lodge Eastern, No. 925, Officers and Members of the Victoria Precinctory and Priory, the W.M., Officers and Brethren of Lodge Naval and Military, 548, S.C., the D.G.M., Deputy D.G.M. and District Grand Lodge Officers of Hongkong and South China, E.C., W.M., Officers and Brethren, University Lodge, No. 3666 E.C., W.M., Officers and Brethren of United Service Lodge, No. 1341, St. Andrew's R.A. Chapter 218, Members of the Church of England Men's Society, Officers and members of the Naval and Military Chapter 302 S.C., United Mark Lodge, Masonic Brethren of H.M.S. "Tamar," "Ambrose," "Curlew," "Cairo," and "Hawkins"; Ararat Lodge, St. Mary Magdalene Rose Croix Chapter, W.O.s, and Sergeants 2nd Wills, The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, European Wardens Victoria Gaoi, Police Inspectors Central and District, Inspector Kay, Miss Skipton, Mr. and Mrs. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Dick, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. C. Crispin, Sgt. and Mrs. George, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Spittles, Mr. H. J. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Urquhart and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mittington, Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Mr. K. W. Andrew, Mr. J. C. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. G. Haigh, Mr. S. Bickie, Mr. W. T. Henderson, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Scriven, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Avernell, Mr. F. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stokes, Mr. W. H. Woolley, Mr. C. Beard, Mr. J. M. Miller, Mr. J. W. Graham, Mr. N. B. White, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. P. Heathcote, Mr. W. L. Patenden, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. C. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Duxon, Dr. and Mrs. Asger, Mr. F. E. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. W. Glendenning, Mr. E. Manning, Mr. E. May, Mr. W. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Osborne, Mr. C. M. Castros, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. B. Gandall, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, Mr. H. W. Ray, and others.

ROBERT HOLLOWAY.

HONGKONG CADET'S DEATH.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley on Sunday afternoon of Robert Alfred John Archer Holloway, a popular member of Hongkong Cadet Corps, who passed away after a brief illness at the residence of his father at the A.O.D. Quarters, Kennedy Road, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Barely fifteen years of age, the deceased, whose bright and genial disposition had won him a wide circle of friends, had lived all his life in the Colony, where his father, chief clerk at the Army Ordnance Depot, had been resident for a period of 21 years.

The Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, Cathedral Chaplain, performed the last ceremony at Happy Valley, in the presence of many friends, including a number of members of the Cadet Corps under Lieut Weyman, and Mr. E. P. Aucott, and several representatives from the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co.,

with which the deceased had been for the last twelve months.

Included in the large number of floral tributes were wreaths from the following—Sisters Mabel and Edie; Grandma; Mabel and Claude Blackman; J. H. Maycock and family; Daddy Statham; Mrs. D. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Jewsbury; Mr. and Mrs. Bidden and family; Mr. and Mrs. Statham and family; Tom; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Miles; W. Gerrard; Les; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Blake; S. Eccles; Mr. J. Stringer; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Frost; family; J. D. Cogwell and R. Y. Frost; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Spanton; Mr. and Mrs. J. Brafield Briggs; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lyon; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hart and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown; Stanley L. Garrod; H. McKay; Edward F. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge; R. Mudge; J. H. Van Gennep Luhrs; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Knight; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holland; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell; Mr. W. Y. Henderson; S. Musso and family; Mr. and Mrs. West; Mrs. W. H. Woolley and family; Bert, Fred Spinks; Mr. and Mrs. Gloyne; Mr. and Mrs. Pathyjohns; C. L. Packe; Mr. and Mrs. G. Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw and John; Mr. and Mrs. Garrod and daughters; Bros. Thompson and Laws; J. and M. Hall; Dorothy Hears; O. Stutz; G. S. Maj. and Mrs. Westlake and Harry; A. McDonald; from an old pal; Mr. and Mrs. Young Hee and family; Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.; the Book Office Staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.; members of the Shipping Office Staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.; Cadet Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps; the junior rank H.K.V.C.; Major and Mrs. King; Capt. and Mrs. Collison and family; Colonel M. Greer and officers, R.A.O.C.; Mr. and Mrs. John W. E. Staple; R.G.A. Sergeants; Messrs. Messrs. Gunner and Mrs. May and family; Sgt. Major Massey and family; Q.M.S. and Mrs. Babbage; Sgt. H. G. Rogers, R.A.M.C. and Corp. C. K. Rhodes, R.A.M.C.

**ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1921.**

DANCE PROGRAMME.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY.

For the convenience of guests at the Annual Ball of the St. George's Society, on Thursday, next, January 6, it is announced that the rendezvous for the dancers in St. George's Hall will be known by three red lights in St. Andrew's Hall, by a similar number of blue lights, and in the Music Room three green lights will prove the means of finding partners. The following is the programme of dances—Extra Waltz (Beautiful Ohio); 1. Lancers 6 Veronique; 2. One Step (Oh Helen); 3. Fox Trot (Whispering); 4. Waltz (Oh What a Pal was Mary); 5. Barr Dance (Arcadian); 6. One Step (Taxi); 7. Fox Trot (Venetian Moon); 8. Waltz (Missouri); 9. One Step (Hongkong); 10. Fox Trot (Vamp); 11. One Step (Cairo); 12. Fox Trot (Rose Room); Nos. 9-12 (Supper Dances)—13. Lancers (Orchid); 14. Waltz (Destiny); 15. One Step (Oh by Jingo); 16. Fox Trot (Dardanella); 17. Waltz (The Choristers); 18. One Step (Sand Dunes); 19. Fox Trot (So Long O Long); 20. Sir Roger de Coverley; Second Extra, One Step (Wild, wild women); Third Extra, Fox Trot (Udianola).

The Bands of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will provide the music; and late Peak Trams and Ferries will run at 1.30 a.m., 2 a.m., and 2.30 a.m.

**TO-DAY'S CABLES.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

AMERICAN BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

PRICES DECLINE BUT UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES.

EXPORT TRADE DECREASES.

New York, January 3.

The Federal Reserve Board's monthly statement, reviewing business and financial conditions, says that further progress in the commercial and industrial development in December. The readjustment was accompanied by a further decline in prices bringing an 8½ per cent. increase in unemployment, and resulting in reductions in business activity varying from 40 to 75 per cent. of the normal. This has affected labour unfavourably, wage reductions reaching 20 to 25 per cent., and is accompanied by a shrinkage in demand. There had been a decrease in the export trade. Banking power is well maintained. There is little change in the raw silk market. Some mills have resumed operations but improvements are by no means general.

FRENCH UNEMPLOYMENT.

PARIS ARCHBISHOP'S UNUSUAL STEP.

Paris, January 3.

Unemployment in France is exercising the Government. The question was discussed at a special Cabinet meeting which empowered the Minister of Labour to inaugurate an immediate relief campaign. Short time has already been introduced in a number of industries; notably the metal, silk, and paper. The Archbishop of Paris has taken the unusual step of issuing a Pastoral recommending those out of employment to the benevolence of their more fortunate brethren.

EUROPE'S MOST PERFECTLY TUNED CHIMES.

London, January 3.

The Times correspondent at Rotterdam states that the building of a new Rotterdam Town Hall, begun in 1914, has been completed. The tower contains the largest carillon installed anywhere in the last century and the most perfectly tuned in Europe.

**THE MAN UNDER THE TABLE.**

NOT AFRAID OF DEATH.

CANTONESE LEARNED IN A NIGHT!

The Chinese who yesterday so stubbornly denied that he had any knowledge of Cantonese, when charged before Magistrate Orme with entering No. 38, Morrison Hill Road, with intent to commit a felony, appears to have learned the language overnight, for he spoke it with some heat when Mr. Dubois' houseboy gave evidence this morning that he did not know the accused until he entered Mr. Dubois' service.

Defendant (indignantly): Did you not know me at the Astor House Hotel?

The Interpreter: Hush, you will question him when he has finished his evidence.

Continuing his evidence, the houseboy said that after the accused had been dismissed from Mr. Dubois' service, he came twice to the house to enquire if there were any letters for him. On the morning of January 1, Dubois was not present when Mr. Dubois found the accused under the table. A couple of hours later, about 5 a.m., witness found the duplicate of the front door key under the carpet in the dining room.

Asked if he had any questions to put, the accused said that he would rather tell the whole story, and then the Magistrate told him what he liked with him. "If the witness is afraid of death," he said, "I am not, and will speak the truth." Proceeding, the accused said that the previous witness had known him and his brother for a long time. When he was dismissed by Mr. Dubois, the witness told him that he could come to the house to sleep if he liked. He accepted the offer. On the night in question, the previous witness admitted him about 7 p.m. The key which was produced in Court belonged to the previous witness who was trying to save his own skin by attempting to "plant" it on him. "Had I had the key of the front door," said the accused, "I could have taken everything away by midnight, before he came in. It would not have been so silly as to wait in the house until morning. I am not afraid of a death sentence or what the papers say. I am honest, and am speaking the truth."

The Magistrate: You need not worry about that. Sergeant Kelly said that had the accused been invited to the house to sleep, he would have gone to the previous witness' room. The Magistrate: How do you explain your presence in the dining room? "Accused: The witness told me that he had no room in his quarters, and that I could sleep there. "The accused said that he was born in China but was brought up in Saigon from childhood. He was registered as a French subject. "I have been to France, and know London and America. I have been everywhere. "The Magistrate: There is no guarantee of your honesty. "Accused: I have good testimonials. "The Magistrate: Is there anyone in Hongkong who knows you?

Accused: Yes, I used to work for the manager of the French Bank, and I know everybody in the Astor House. The Magistrate: I am going to remand the case again. Perhaps the French Consul will undertake to send the accused back. He is right in the head, I hope? Sergeant Kelly: I think so. The Magistrate: Yes, I think so too. To the accused: I am going to remand you in police custody for two days, in case the French Consul may wish to take the matter in hand. The case is finished now, but I don't want to send you to jail until you have been given a chance to get witnesses to speak for you. You have got to prove your bona fide intent.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was fixed for 4.15 p.m. to-day.

A Chinese tradesman carrying on business in a matchbox at Taiheok, in the New Territories, has reported to the police that about 5.30 a.m., yesterday, five men, two of whom were armed with revolvers and the others with daggers, entered the matchbox. After binding and gagging the inmates, they ransacked the place, stealing clothing, money and tobacco to the value of \$31.70. All the intruders had their faces covered with cloth masks.

The C.M.S. Co.'s "Nanking," sailed from Swatow on Jan. 4, and is due here on Jan. 7 at daylight.

The B. L. s.s. "Encyclus," left Amoy for Hongkong on Jan. 3, and is due here on Jan. 5 at daylight.

The s.s. "Lowther Castle," left Hongkong on Dec. 31, for Japan, and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 6.

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Silk and Valuables and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer, proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 3 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

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A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday. Last week, in addition to the deaths from influenza, which is not a notifiable disease, there were three cases of diphtheria (Chinese), one of which resulted in death; two cases of enteric fever (Hawaiian); four cases of paratyphoid fever (3 British, 1 Roumanian); three cases imported; one case of cerebro-spinal fever (Chinese) which terminated fatally; and one case (Indian) of paratyphoid fever.

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SWATOW:—Jan. 11, at 9 a.m.  
AMOY, SHANGHAI & PUKOW—SAILINGS:—  
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A meeting was held on November 2 at the London Chamber of Commerce, under the presidency of Mr. Stanley Machin, J.P., president of the London Chamber of Commerce, to hear an address by Sir Walter Townley, K.C.M.G., governor of the British Chamber of Commerce for the Netherlands East Indies incorporated. Sir Walter Townley, in the course of his address, said—the Netherlands Indies market, both import and export, is wide and varied, and offers such a rich field for mercantile enterprise that foreign competition to secure the lion's share of it is bound to be most keen. With Germany out of the running for the moment the United Kingdom, U.S.A. and Japan are the chief competitors. The chief articles of import are textiles, boots, shoes, machinery of all sorts, building materials, glassware, pottery, hats, matches, fancy goods, metals, drugs, artificial manures, foodstuffs, including tinned food and milk, mineral waters, etc. The value of the soft goods imported in 1918 was about £2,000,000 about equal in cost to the figures of 1913, though considerably smaller in volume. Manchester claims to have exported textile to the value of £5,779,887.

Special openings exist for the importation of locomotives of all sorts, machinery, both agricultural and industrial, hardware and motor-cars, whilst the demand for glassware and pottery is very keen. This trade is likely to go to our commercial rivals. Americans and Germans are especially keen in the locomotive and motor sections, and one is reminded of the present King's exhortation to British traders on his return from Australia. "Wake up, England!"

## OBJECT OF THE CHAMBER.

The object of the Chamber is to bring this rich market to the more direct attention of British trade, and to do all that it can to show those who may be desirous to avail themselves of this more or less unexplored opening how the market can be reached in the most satisfactory manner. It is our special aim to encourage the export of British goods, but the great value of the export trade from the islands must not be overlooked, since they are amazingly rich with such products as coal, sugar, rubber, tobacco, coffee, tea, tin, spices, copra, kapok, gums, quinine and cinchona bark, teakwood and mineral oils to dispose of. The war has shown us the immense value of many of these products.

What can the Chamber do? We are often asked this question. The plainest and most straightforward answer is contained in the narrative of what it has done in a life of about six months of active existence. We have established a monthly review which is full of the latest information of interest to traders, kept up to date by the close relationship we have established with the competent authorities on the spot. We have given letters of introduction to these same authorities to representatives of our members. We have published interesting pamphlets of proposed colonial taxation and the finances of the N.E.I. We are in close touch with the leading commercial officials in Java, who have proved their appreciation of our efforts to improve trade relations between the United Kingdom and the archipelago by supplying us with much most valuable information, which would not in the ordinary course be given to individual inquirers. This has enabled us to supply certain of our members with information, which would have been otherwise unobtainable.

We can advise upon the commercial law and financial organisation of the colonial administration likely to be of interest, and we make a special study in the interests of our members of pending legislation. We are already making preparations and arranging shipping facilities for those of our members who may wish to be represented at next year's Bandung Fair.

## HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

I have just told you what the Chamber has done in an incredibly short space of time, but with your assistance we confidently hope to do very much more. As soon as we have our permit we shall establish our own agent in Java.

## SHORT SKIRTS.

## QUESTION OF MORALS.

CONTROVERSY IN U.S.A.

With the approach of the cold weather here there is a first-class controversy raging in the American Press, excited by the denunciation of the short-skirted, low-throated flimsy dresses now being worn generally in American cities. Dr. Eliot, a former president of Harvard University, took up the cudgels for "decency" with a declaration that the present-day dress as worn in the street is a menace to the morals of youth and to the health of the wearers. Many assert, however, that slender gowns are more healthful and more hygienic than voluminous ones, and deny the charge that women, "inspired by the sex lure," dress to attract men. "More often," says one woman's champion, "they dress to arouse envy in other women." Not merely girls, but women, are wearing dresses in the cold weather which just touch the knees, many wear diaphanous hose, which barely reaches the skirt, and nearly all have the neck exposed. It is admitted that business girls generally are spending far more on dress and make-up than their board and lodging costs, and the appalling feature is that their visibility does not become less as the autumn merges into early winter. The church condemns the prevailing dress, but Dr. Coelmont, the Health Commissioner of New York, adds fuel to the flames by saying that city women, with silk stockings, low skirts, and flimsy gowns, live longer than their sisters on the farm.

Our second hope is to be able to establish ourselves in more central quarters, where we shall be able to provide a room where British and Dutch affiliated members can meet and where all pertinent trade literature will be available. Thirdly, we hope to establish exhibitions once or twice a year, at which Netherlands Indian exports will be shown side by side with samples of what our trade rivals, European, American and Asiatic, send to the islands. Fears of Dutch hostility have been expressed. H.E. the Netherlands Minister has honoured us with his presence here this afternoon. No further answer is necessary.

## A WARNING.

The Americans are making strong running in the N.E.I. by means of the cinema and other forms of propaganda. That this is greatly appreciated by the colonial authorities is proved by the fact that the U.S.A. is one of the first countries to which the Netherlands Indies Administration has turned in putting in execution the new scheme for making the products of the archipelago better known in the world. To our shame be it said, the U.K. has not been so honoured, and again I say, "Wake up."

In conclusion I would remind you that the Chamber was created because it was felt that some such organisation was sorely needed to bring home to British manufacturers and merchants knowledge of the vast resources of the rich Netherlands Indian market before the supremacy in it was snapped up by others. No one has any axe to grind and no one makes any money out of it; indeed, its chief promoters and subsequent supporters are firms which are already long established in the archipelago, but who are large minded enough to see that there is room for all to share in its huge potentialities and who have realised the value of co-operation.

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## EAST AND WEST.

### CAN THE TWO MINGLE?

HANKOW PAPER PUBLISHERS INTERESTING OPEN LETTER.

The Central China Post of Hankow has the following Open Letter addressed to a Chinese correspondent in its issue of December 18:

Dear Mr. Chin: In the letter from you which we published yesterday you say: "What makes my heart ache with untold agony is the way the foreigners in Hankow are behaving themselves." Following that a few instances of bad conduct on their part might have been given but such matters as you mention seem to afford no reasonable ground for complaint. Still we are sorry to hear of your distress and would like to say something calculated to relieve that headache for there are no doubt many other Chinese who feel as you do.

We take it that you are painfully struck with the contrast between your experiences as respects the treatment which you received at the hands of foreigners during the ten years you spent in England and America and those which you meet with now on your return to your native land. But the matter is quite explicable. Abroad you were a member of a community which all spoke the same language, wore the same dress and observed the same customs. You no doubt adapted yourself to that and found that everybody treated you exactly the same as everybody treated everybody else. Out here there are two communities who differ in language, dress and customs, and the two do not readily mix. The trouble lies not on the one side more than on the other but in the nature of things. If you happened to be at Yochow, where the clear waters of the Tungting lake meet with the yellow flood from Szechuan, you might notice that they do not immediately intermingle. They travel together for a long way with the river clear on the one bank and yellow on the other before they get mixed up, and it is just the same when differing peoples meet.

You write as if the foreigners in general were hostile to the Chinese, but as far as there is anything to choose the hostility is on the other side. You will remember how when foreigners made their first appearance in your country they were treated as enemies, and later on when they began to travel about the general attitude towards them was one of hostility. Sir John Jordan relates how when he first went to Peking his own teacher of the language used to hurry down a side lane if likely to meet him on the street, and the Chinese employed in the Legations assumed false names in order that it might not be known that they were friendly with foreigners. It was all very national; in some languages the word for "stranger" and the word for "enemy" is one and the same, the reasoning being that a stranger is certainly after no good, and it takes a long time to overcome the feeling.

That foreigners do seek to become intimate with the Chinese, and that they do try to be helpful, as respects the people amongst whom they live, is easily proved. What do you make of the great army of missionaries in your country? Every man and woman of them aims at cultivating intimacy with the Chinese. What do you consider the schools and the colleges are for, and the Y.M.C.A.? For the purpose of enabling the foreigners who establish and run them to make a little money out of China? Not for a moment. These men possess the

money-making capacity in as great a measure as the business men, and they are content with a salary provided by their own friends—just sufficient to meet their needs. It is not for themselves but for China they labour. And what do you make of the efforts put forth by foreigners to provide the famine victims in the North with food? They subscribe the money; they distribute the food with their own hands, and it is altogether due to their energy that anything is being done in the matter.

To deal with your complaints: the above largely answers your first one, that the foreign communities keep too much to themselves. It cannot be helped; until both parties speak the same speech and live on the same plane there can be no great amount of intermingling. You object that the business man will seldom condescend to see a Chinese and leaves all transactions with him to the comprador. For this there are two reasons; the first is the lack of knowledge of the language on the part of the business man, but if an English-speaking Chinese has anything of importance to discuss with a Tai-pan he will not only be made heartily welcome but treated with every courtesy. The second is the fact that the Chinese preference is to do business through a middleman and not with the principal direct. If it is a case of buying a piece of ground, renting a house, or getting engaged to be married, all such matters are put in the hands of middlemen, and in business transactions it is the same. Now the comprador is merely the firm's middleman, and the custom has much to recommend it.

Your only other complaint is that Chinese are not allowed to walk on the riverside path of the ex-German bund. This is not the case; they may be noticed walking there quite freely and occupying the benches, while the police never interfere. But probably your grievance is that they are not allowed to sit on the side-walks of the other bunds adjacent to the river. Why should they? A Chinese friend of ours has a fine house set in a large and beautiful garden well stored with flowers, and he keeps the whole for his own enjoyment never dreaming of setting it at the disposal of the general public. Now that path by the river side under the trees is the only garden which the concessions possess. It is largely used as a playground for children, and is as much foreign private property as our friend's house is his; to hand it over to China's millions would benefit them but little and deprive the foreign little folks of the only breath of air they can get.

We take it that by "foreigners" you meant in your letter those from England and America amongst whom you formerly lived. But what about the Japanese? There are vastly more of them, and they are much more akin to the Chinese than the Occidentals are, yet their presence here is still less liked. The fact is the Chinese seem to take pleasure in maintaining a grudge against every nationality, and they can never hope to be appreciated as they deserve till they have given over the evil habit.

Faithfully yours,  
THE EDITOR.

—Mrs. Lily Harriet Pass, for 48 years a resident of Yokohama, died at her home there on December 17. Death came as the result of three paralytic strokes which she had suffered within the past 10 days. She had not regained consciousness after the third stroke, which occurred on December 15. Her daughter, Mrs. A. Richardson, wife of Dr. A. Richardson of Kobe, and six grandchildren were with her when death came.

## SPORT.

### INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

#### ANNUAL CHARITY MATCH.

The annual International Football match in aid of local charities, between teams chosen from the Club of the First Division of the Hongkong Football League to represent England v. Scotland, was played before a large gathering of "soccer" enthusiasts on the Hongkong Club ground, Happy Valley, last evening. Excepting for Weyman replacing Moore in the Scottish team, and Wilkins joining out for England instead of Hodges, the teams fielded as advertised.

Railton lost the toss, and Menham kicked off for England. He immediately set his forwards going, and a combined attack soon found the ball in Scottish territory, and before the game was many minutes old, Webb tested Rodger with a difficult shot. The goalie picked up the ball and threw it out of the danger zone. Watson received and sent it over. Immediately afterwards, Taylor made two attempts to open the scoring. Gerrard robbed him on the first occasion, and on the other the ball hit the upright and went out. After about five minutes of defensive play, the Scots went away, McTavish placing Hamilton in possession. After a good run down the line, the latter sent in a long dropping shot which Crocker took too easily, and mishandling the ball, very nearly gave a goal away. However, he retrieved his mistake just when the situation seemed hopeless. Undaunted, the Scots returned to the attack, and Wheeler was forced to concede a corner. Weyman dropped the ball right at the goalmouth, and a *malice* ensued. Seeing his opportunity, Wheeler did not waste any time and a hefty kick sent the ball to midfield. Here the Scots trapped the ball and returned it to the danger zone. Henwood saved the situation by kicking behind. Hamilton sent in a very dangerous kick which Edwards was forced to head behind for another corner, which, however, yielded nothing. When the Scots next attacked, Edwards misjudged a pass by Rodger. Getting past him, Robinson took a pot shot close in and netted amid much cheering. England played with renewed vigour after the resumption and carried play to the Scottish end of the field where they made determined attempts to equalise, but the defence tackled pluckily and allowed nothing past them. Half time came with the Scots leading by one goal to nil.

The second half saw the pace increased, with the Scots on the offensive. Hamilton sent in a long shot which Crocker could not do better than send behind. England cleared from the corner kick. Webb pointed to midfield, and a pretty breakaway resulted in Gerrard kicking into touch. Taylor headed towards goal from the throw in, but the ball went wide. England returned immediately, and Taylor centered beautifully. Watson headed in, and Rodger pushed the ball behind. Townsend received from the corner kick and sent the ball in hard towards Rodger. The latter was in position and punched away. An exciting *malice* followed in the course of which one of the defenders had the misfortune to handle the ball within the penalty area. At the same time it was found that Townsend had been hurt in the *malice*, and a short halt had to be called. Recovering, Townsend took the penalty kick and sent the ball straight to Rodger who effected a very creditable save which won him much well deserved applause. England now returned to the attack with such determination that two corners had to be conceded. They were both cleared. The Scots transferred play to enemy territory where Henwood cleared and sent Taylor away. Running strongly down the right wing, this worthy ended up with a well-timed centre to Menham who shot wide. England's luck was still out, for they were pulled up for off side in the next attack. They played up pluckily however, and came back. Clarke fouled Watson near the penalty area. The free kick was well taken, but the Scots cleared. After this the Scots attacked and Edwards sent behind. The corner kick yielded nothing. As appeal for a penalty against Edwards who appeared to have handled the ball, was over-ruled by the referee. England returned to the offensive and after missing many good openings, forced a corner. Taylor placed well and Edwards shot towards goal. Rodger caught the ball, but not before it had crossed the goal line. The referee blew his whistle and pointed to the centre of the field. With only two more minutes to go, both sides were out to win, but time was against them

and the final whistle came with the score sheet unaltered.

The teams lined up as follows:—England—Crocker (Goalkeeper), Wheeler (Goalkeeper), Edwards (Half-back), Railton (Club), Henwood (R.G.A.), Wilkins (Hawkins), Taylor (Goalkeeper), Watson (R.G.A.), Menham (Wilks), Townsend (Goalkeeper), and Webb (Hawkins).

Scotland—Rodger (Club), Gerrard (Club), Clarke (Police), McPhail (Club), Forbes (Police), Rodger (Club), Hamilton (Club), McTavish (Club), Robinson (Police), Weyman (Goalkeeper), and McHugh (R.G.A.).

Referee—Mr. Jones (H.M.S. "Ambrose").

### HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

#### SECOND DIVISION TABLE.

Below is the result of the Second Division League up to December 18 1920:

Club	P	W	L	D	F	A	P.
St. Joseph's	8	7	1	0	27	5	14
R.G.A. Res.	8	7	1	0	23	8	14
United F.C.	5	4	3	1	16	15	9
Kowloon Res.	5	3	2	3	13	12	9
Oilers United	9	4	4	1	18	12	9
Indian R.C.	9	4	5	0	14	19	8
Staff & Depts.	7	3	3	3	14	11	7
S. China Res.	9	3	5	1	16	17	7
Carlisle	4	3	1	0	8	4	6
Club Res.	9	3	6	0	9	12	6
22nd Punjab	9	2	7	0	8	40	4
Club de Recreo	8	1	6	1	11	21	3

### SHOOTING.

#### RIFLE LEAGUE OPENS.

At the King's Park Range on Sunday afternoon, the Police Rifle Club met the Flagship "Hawkins" in the opening match of the Hongkong Rifle League. A close shoot resulted in the Police defeating the Sailors who were the favorites.

A dispute arose before the commencement of firing, as it was seen that the Police had brought ten members and the Sailors only eight. The conditions of the League state that ten will fire, with the best eight to count. The Flagship would not have this, so the Police, with their usual sporting touch, disposed of two of their shots, including Grimmett who holds more rifle trophies than any other in the Colony. Grimmett lost his place through being the last member to turn up at the range. The scores were:—

Police	Score
Perkins	41 43 40=124
Wilson	36 47 40=123
Booker	40 43 36=119
Evans	39 40 39=118
Makell	39 36 42=117
Houlihan	39 34 41=114
Carpenter	43 31 37=111
Hutchins	41 37 27=105
Total	931

#### H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

Miller	Score
Charlesworth	39 48 37=124
Beauchamp	40 41 38=119
Bond	43 38 37=118
Bishop	36 45 36=117
Chapman	36 38 39=113
Davies	42 34 35=111
Trowbridge	32 39 36=107
Total	914

### MUSKETRY STAFF v. "CURLEW."

The following is the result of the match in the first round of the competitions for the Rifle League Championship Shield, which was fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, resulting in a win for H.M.S. "Curlew." The scoring was as follows:

Musketry Staff	Score
Bdr. Nixon	36 39 37 112
Sgt. Burnett	36 36 34 106
P. O. Reynolds	36 42 27 105
Sgt. Cross	35 38 31 104
Capt. Lambert	40 35 29 104
Gunner Ansell	37 27 18 82
P. O. Harding	28 22 21 71
Sgt. Cordon	33 21 16 70
Total	754

#### H.M.S. "CURLEW."

C. P. O. Carpenter	Score
C. P. O. Morgan	43 40 32 115
Boy Dew	39 39 37 115
C. Sgt. Spencer	44 35 33 112
C. P. O. Swigg	34 38 25 98
E. R. A. Passmore	32 31 25 88
Lieut. Cpl. Stanford	32 34 27 93
Mr. Rosalter	32 31 24 87
Total	797

#### H.M.S. "TITANIA" v. D.R. CLUB.

A friendly match was shot off at Stonecutters Range on Sunday after-

noon between H.M.S. "Titania" and the Dockyard Recreation Club, 10 each side, best 8 scores to count. The match resulted in a win for H.M.S. "Titania" by 40 points.

H.M.S. "TITANIA"	Score
Mr. Jackson	32 41 39 112
Fockett	32 42 35 110
Smith	32 39 37 108
Edmonds	32 32 33 97
Tapsley	34 40 21 95
Sigworth	33 35 26 94
Panting	33 38 23 94
Blackford	31 25 23 84
Total	800

Barker 35 26 19 80  
Arthur 20 14 26 60 and Counted out.

#### DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB.

Mr. Pritchard	Score
Sears	38 41 33 112
Drew	45 32 31 108
King-Salter	39 40 21 100
McGuigan	38 38 19 95
Johnston	38 32 21 91
Crocker	35 29 24 88
Middle	42 26 17 85
Total	760

Mr. Nicholson 34 30 17 81  
Mr. Lamerton 31 21 13 65 and Counted out.

### SIAM'S PROGRESS.

#### NEW AMERICAN TREATY.

#### RELEASE FROM ARCHAIC CONDITIONS.

It has been an open secret for some years past that pourparlers with a view to the arranging of a new Treaty between Siam and the United States, whereby the latter would yield up some of the more onerous conditions of the old arrangement, including her extra-territorial privileges, have been in progress. Such a treaty has now been signed and by it the United States have shown their inclination to treat Siam to the extent that Great Britain and Denmark have done and France has partially done. It is naturally to be regarded as a removal of another of the clogs on Siam's wheels of progress and though we are aware that it will not be exactly relished by some of the Americans resident here, we fall to see that they have much to lose by the change British subjects who lived here in the year 1909 were much perturbed in mind when the new Treaty between Siam and Great Britain was signed. There was then a very distinct impression among many of them that they had been badly used, but experience since has very fully demonstrated that they really had nothing to complain about, that their rights and liberties were as fully safeguarded under Siamese law as they were by the terms of the various Orders in Council hitherto in vogue. An interesting feature in the new treaty with the United States is that it accords Siam full fiscal autonomy; that is that she may impose her own taxes upon American citizens and enforce her own Customs duties without let or hindrance. This is satisfactory in that by it America tacitly recognises that the long delayed revision of the Customs Tariff is a necessity, a course that other countries should not be long in following now that the necessary lead has been given. Certainly Siam is to be congratulated upon her release from the archaic conditions to which she had bound herself and upon the just appreciation which her efforts towards progress and development have now, after long delays, met with.

Lieutenant McIntosh, who, with Lieutenant Parer, completed the flight from England to Australia, via Penang, writes to the effect that he received something like two thousand telegrams and hundreds of letters of congratulation upon the performance of his companion and himself. The letters included six proposals of marriage, one from a wealthy English titled lady, who endeavoured to induce Lieutenant McIntosh to return to England with her by offering him £200 a week. "I am getting some boy" at public speaking, and everyone is advising me to take on a lecture tour. I suppose we ran away without permission from the Australian authorities, but now we have apparently done the most wonderful single engine air trip ever accomplished, and they reckon we are superhuman. Australia is getting all the credit, but Scotland has a lot to do with it. One of these days, I may fly back to England.

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